

## June 15th FTU Community Meeting

- ★ June 11th virtual commencement for the class of 2020 was a success. Our graduation rate increased. The June 10th New Student Virtual Event was a success.
- ★ Virtual Summer Bridge will take place from August 10th to August 21st
- ★ Summer school credit recovery will run from July 6-August 7, 100% virtual. Bard is offering recovery sections of Seminar, College Algebra, and World History for \$200 per class. Charter/contract school students will still be charged \$500 for regular BCPSS summer school. Registration will be Friday June 19th and 26th and Friday July 3rd.
- ★ **Summer Reading opportunity for incoming students:** We are offering two different summer book club groups in July that will be focusing on different themes.  
**Group One:** Baltimore and Social Justice (running during the week of July 13th) This group will read and explore themes of social justice, community, society, and more, all placed within our own community of Baltimore. This group will be reading from a bunch of different titles, including: The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore, The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas, and The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. If you are interested in joining this group, please select group one in the book club sign up form.  
**Group Two:** Dystopia (running during the week of July 20th) This group will be exploring themes around dystopia or an imagined state or society in which there is great suffering or injustice, typically one that is totalitarian or post-apocalyptic. This group will have a focus on the novel 1984 written by George Orwell. If you are interested in joining this group please select group two in the book club sign up form. You can use [this form](#) to sign up for one or both groups, if you would like to participate.
- ★ At this time of year, we say a bittersweet goodbye and send best wishes to the members of our faculty and staff who are departing for other destinations at the end of this year. Thank you, colleagues, for your many combined years of service and support to our students and families. We wish you all the luck in the world, Dr. Bampoh, Mr. Colonius, Dr. Cruz, Dr. Doherty, Dr. Harrington-Taber, Mx. Henning, and Mr. Lavelle.
- ★ An Invitation to participate:  
"Dear Community, As we all grieve the recent deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Jones, and as we all participate in various ways in calls for justice and equal treatment of black people by our police systems, I invite you to contribute your thoughts and perspectives on these issues to a new College series, In the Moment. **Please** send contributions-brief essays, journalistic reflections, personal stories, poetry, and the like--to [armstead@bard.edu](mailto:armstead@bard.edu)
- ★ If any parents/guardians are interested in meeting with new families closer to the start of school, Admissions is trying to host a parent focused event that we would love more parent voices at. You can email me to be included on future planning emails for this event if you are interested. My email is [jkadota@bhsec.bard.edu](mailto:jkadota@bhsec.bard.edu)
- ★ Admin, Staff and Faculty will be brainstorming our successes and areas to improve while reviewing the last 12 weeks of virtual learning to see what aspects of it that can be incorporated into our school culture, climate, and academics when we return on campus.

- ★ Families if you have any comments or suggestions related to what worked and/or needs improving please email Dr. Gamber [fgamber@bhsec.bard.edu](mailto:fgamber@bhsec.bard.edu) or Dean Croson [mcroson@bhsec.bard.edu](mailto:mcroson@bhsec.bard.edu)
- ★ Mr. Bond and the student support team have worked around the clock the past few weeks to help your/our students complete final projects and assignments to meet the June 15th deadline. Home + School = A Highly Successful Student
- ★ The summer lunch hour will continue after a short respite two days a week. Look for an email from Mr. Bond.

### Resources

- Listing of Faculty and Staff can also be found here: [baltimore.bard.edu/our-people/faculty/](http://baltimore.bard.edu/our-people/faculty/)
- Remote Learning Resource: [baltimore.bard.edu/remote-learning-resources/](http://baltimore.bard.edu/remote-learning-resources/)
- Parent Guide: <https://baltimore.bard.edu/parents-guide/>

Next FTU Town Hall meeting TBD at 7pm via Google Hangout Meets for new and returning families. Look for the link from Dr. Gamber.

**Be you. Be challenged. Be ready for life.**

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